

**I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:10 PM.**

- A. Introduction of Page** – Ethan Pemberton and Matthew Hudson are both 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Schmitt Elementary School.
- B. Opening Prayer** was given by mark Teike of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- C. Pledge** - The Mayor led pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell. Absent: None
- E. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting** – John Brown moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Ann DeVore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

There was no unfinished business.

**III. New Business requiring Council Action**

Prior to a discussion of the agenda items, Martha Myers raised a question about receiving a Crowe Chizek report that may help in the council's budget decision-making process. The Mayor called upon Mike Harmless from Crowe Chizek to tell the council the status of the report. Mr. Harmless stated that they needed information from the Clerk Treasurer in order to complete the report. Clerk Treasurer Baughn stated that to date all information that had been requested had been provided. Mr. Harmless is to send an email to the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer detailing the information that Crowe Chizek needs. Clerk Treasurer Baughn and Scott Nickerson from Crowe Chizek are meeting Friday to discuss the report. Mr. Harmless stated that it would be difficult but they would try to have the report prior to the city's public hearing with the Department of Local Government Finance on October 9, 2002.

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2002, 2003 SALARY ORDINANCE."** Oakel Hardy gave an overview of the salary ordinance as presented. George Dutro introduced three recommendations for the council's consideration: 1.) To freeze all overtime at the 2002 amounts; 2.) To remove the additional staff person requested by the Clerk Treasurer; 3.) To set the longevity at \$500 increments. Police Chief Matt McCord and Fire Chief Gary Henderson each explained the concerns that they have in keeping overtime at the requested levels. Mr. Dutro suggested that the Chiefs could come back to the council to request additional money if necessary, but asked that all departments review and manage their overtime closely. He also suggested that perhaps overall staffing should be reviewed. Council member Tindell said that overtime was less expensive than adding new staff.

**George Dutro moved to amend the 2003 Salary Ordinance by reducing overtime to 2002 amounts. Rob Kittle seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay from Augie Tindell.**

**George Dutro moved to amend the 2003 Salary Ordinance by removing the additional staff person from the Clerk Treasurer's Office. Martha Myers seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay from Augie Tindell.**

**George Dutro moved to amend the 2003 Salary Ordinance by adjusting the police and fire longevity to reflect \$500 increments. Martha Myers seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**George Dutro moved to place the salary ordinance in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2002, ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2003"** Oakel Hardy gave an overview of the 2003 budget as presented. He noted that although the total funds reflect a \$311,000 lease payment for Foundation for Youth in the Parks budget this line item was mistakenly omitted from the appropriation line item. As a result, the parks department will need to request an additional appropriation after the first of the year in order to make the lease payment.

Jack Hess, Columbus Enterprise Development Center Director has requested \$20,000 from the city as part of a "bridge" to cover a shortfall from the state funding formula. He said that this is short term and additional funding is being developed for future years.

There was some discussion regarding revenues for 2003. According to Clerk Treasurer Baughn the property reassessments are behind schedule and governmental units were given very conservative figures to develop the budget. CAGIT funds have been reduced by \$1.5 million from this year.

**George Dutro moved to make all capital improvement requests "B" items. Rob Kittle seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**George Dutro moved to place the budget ordinance in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports:** Craig Hawes reiterated his request for the council to review the guidelines for the Incentive Review Committee. It was suggested that the council have a public meeting seeking input about this issue prior to a regular council meeting.
- B. Next Meeting Scheduled for September 20:** The next meeting of the council will be postponed from Thursday, September 19 to **7:30 AM on Friday, September 20** in order to comply with state statutes that require 10 days between the hearing of the budget and the final passage.
- C. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved for adjournment. John Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at approximately 8:31 PM.**

Attest:

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer